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OPERATIONSAre Officially Reported—The
Bombarding May Continue
Week Before AdvanceLondon, Dec. 11.—Unusual active ar-
tillery fighting and aerial operations on
the western front yesterday, are re-
ported in the official statement. The activity
was particularly noteworthy on the
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OF ITALIAN DIVISIONHeld the Heights Back of the Asiago
Plateau Until Cut to Pieces—The
Enemy Was on All Sides.Italian Headquarters, Monday (by As-
sociated Press).—A visit to the head-
quarters of the major-general command-
ing the division of the heroic Alpini and
Bersaglieri disclosed the story of the man-
ner in which the division held the heights
back of the Asiago plateau until cut to
pieces.For 24 hours, one Bersaglieri regiment
held Monte Tondare until the platoons
had been reduced from 30 men to six.
The Alpini sent to their aid, gained the
summit against heavy odds, only to
find their comrades cut to pieces.
The last report from the colonel to his
general said laconically: "The enemy is
on all sides and I am about to charge."
That was the last ever heard of him or
any of his men.MILITARY GOVERNOR
FOR JERUSALEMWill Be Named by General Allenby Until
the Position of the City Is Deter-
mined When Peace Comes.London, Dec. 11.—No attempt will be
made to define the future position of
Jerusalem until general peace comes.
The Times says it understands that in
the meantime the city will be treated as
in British military occupation and will
be under martial law. General Allenby
will appoint a military governor.

Suffrage Amendment Reported.

Washington, Dec. 11.—A constitutional
amendment for woman suffrage was re-
ported without recommendation to-day
by the House judiciary committee.

EAST CALAIS

The bow social given by the young la-
dies of the A. R. C. circle Friday evening
was a success, both socially and
financially. The young ladies are now
preparing a short play to be given in
the near future.Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bliss were in
Northfield over Sunday to visit Mrs.
Bliss' aunt, Mrs. Will Carpenter, who is
sick.Dr. M. D. Warren of Cabot was in
town Sunday to see Mrs. Edson York,
who is quite sick.The next meeting of the East Calais
grange will be held Thursday evening,
Dec. 20. It is hoped there will be a
good attendance, as this is the election
of officers.Miss Ruth Brown has returned home
from Barre, where she has been visiting
the past few days.Miss Bertha Scott of Adamant is vis-
iting her brother, Allen Scott, for a few
days.Clayton Martin is helping at S. Rich
Waite's in Woodbury.Miss Esther Dwinell was in Plainfield
Monday.A Christmas membership campaign
will be started Dec. 17 for one week.
A house-to-house canvass is planned,
preparing to give us your membership
and thereby "do your bit" to aid the
Calais and North Montpelier branch.Lee White has finished work for Geo.
Balentine and is stopping at A. E. Wil-
bur's for a time.Nathan Brown of Boston is visiting
his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan D. Brown.What the Man Who "Likes Plain Food"
Really Wants.In an article in the December Woman's
Home Companion about the man
who likes plain food, the writer says:
"Do you know this man, have you ever
heard of him—the man who likes plain
food? His tastes are of the simplest: a
little clear soup—perhaps you have made
clear soup yourself, clear consommé and the
color of pale sherry. Take a knuckle of
veal and four pounds of lean beef
* * * goes the sympathetic recipe.
(Notice, you take, you don't buy.)
Fry to a tender brown, carrots, onions,
etc. So goes on this tender, delectable
process until you finally clarify. The
time the cook spends upon the simmer-
ing, the frying, the clarifying and the
straining is not of course taken into ac-
count."The man who likes plain food enjoys
roasts of meat, joints and ribs roasts.

COUNTERFEITING PLANT.

Was Seized in New York and Several
Arrests Have Been Made.New York, Dec. 11.—Counterfeiting
schemes said to involve more than \$1,
000,000 and whose ramifications extended
to Europe, South America and the
United States, were disclosed here last
night, when William J. Flynn, chief of
the United States secret service, an-
nounced that an elaborate plant for
printing spurious money and French
passports was seized in this city and
that the three arrests of those involved
had been made here yesterday.Eugene Parodi, a lawyer, was arrested
in connection with the case on a charge
of conspiring to obstruct justice in ad-
vising a client, Louis De Shelley, alias
Marcos Gonzales, to default cash bail and
flee from the United States after he had
been indicted on a charge of attempting
to pass a counterfeit \$1,000 note on a
Wall Street bank last August.De Shelley, who is said to be a relative
of a Guatemalan official in Paris, is be-
ing held in Havana, Cuba, for extradition
to the United States.Leon Grosswald was arrested here last
week, and secret service men declared he
gave information which led to the raid of
a boardinghouse where the counterfeit
plant was located and placed in suit cases
ready for removal.In the suit cases were found printing
presses, plates, engravers' tools and a
bundle of franc notes amounting to
\$125,000. Investigation is said to have
disclosed that the entire plant was
brought here from San Sebastian, Spain,
early last April, with a bundle of more
than \$1,000,000 in spurious franc notes.
Of this amount, the secret service men
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AT HALIFAXUnited States Sends Force
of Doctors and
NursesSUFFICIENT TO
DEAL WITH SITUATIONPeople and Supplies Should
Be Forwarded Only
on RequisitionHalifax, Dec. 11.—The United States
already has sent a force of doctors and
nurses sufficient to deal with the situa-
tion here, John F. Moore, head of the
American Red Cross delegation, said in
a statement to-day: "Hereafter, it seems
to me, people and supplies should be for-
warded only on requisition, in order that
actual want should be taken care of and
congestion and overlapping avoided." He
added, "The weather early to-day was
the coldest of the winter, with an un-
official thermometer reading of two
above zero. Later there was a light fall
of snow, then the sun reappeared."ROARING BLIZZARD
PLUNGES HALIFAX
AGAIN IN DARKNESSStops All Work of Rescue at Its Height
—Causes Delay in Work of Relief
of Suffering.Halifax, N. S., Dec. 11.—A roaring
blizzard the third to strike this sorely
afflicted city since 25,000 of its people
were made homeless by explosion and
fire, four days ago, swept in from the
northwest late yesterday with all the
wild fury of other storms famous along
these shores. It all but crushed the
hearts of those whose homes escaped, a
brave hand fighting with night and main
to alleviate suffering incomprehensible
except to those who are here. But, while
the blizzard raged, relief work continued,
and until its crest was reached did
most of the Canadian army abandon the
search in the ruined area for the bodies
of uncounted dead.

25,000 HOMELESS.

Six Thousand Wounded to Be Cared For
in City Wrecked by
Explosion.Halifax, N. S., Dec. 11.—Figures offi-
cially given out last night of the casu-
alties in the munitions explosion dis-
aster in this city follows:

Known dead 1,380

Unaccounted for 2,400

Wounded 6,000

Homeless 25,000

MORE INSUBORDINATION
AGAINST BOLSHEVIKIGarrison at Moscow Is Reported to Have
Disobeyed Its Commander—Troops
Called to Meet Cossacks.London, Dec. 11.—The situation in
Moscow is reported to be grave, accord-
ing to a Times dispatch from Petrograd.
The Bolsheviks, according to Petrograd
newspapers, have placed machine guns in
the streets, as they fear an uprising of
hostile parties. The garrison, however,
shows signs of insubordination and is re-
ported to be disobeying the Bolshevik
commander, a private soldier named Mu-
ranoff. Considerable forces are being de-
tached from the west front, to be sent
against the Cossacks.

POUND LOAF, 7 CENTS.

Bread of New Standard Can Be Sold
Profitably at This Price.Washington, Dec. 11.—Bakers' test-
day began making a standardized loaf of
bread under regulations prescribed by
the food administration. The new loaf
contains a minimum of 48 cents and can
be sold, according to the food adminis-
tration officials, at seven cents a pound. No
price, however, has been set. Licenses
are required for all bakers using more
than ten barrels of flour a month and
for hotels and clubs using that much
flour when they bake their own bread.Harder to Get Money from Rich Than
Poor.A fashionable dressmaker tells her
story in the December Woman's Home
Companion. She says:"Mrs. Vincent St. John, the great lead-
er of New York and Newport, was my
first recruit from this sanctified group.
Hereafter she had always gone to Mrs.
Ditmars, the fashionable Fifth avenue
dressmaker. Knowing this, I was al-
most overcome by my triumph. I was
a made woman.""Miss Fletcher," she commenced
abruptly, "I want a little afternoon frock.
What would you charge for it?"
"That depends," replied I, "probably
\$100.""One hundred dollars! Nonsense, my
dear Miss Fletcher. Surely you can
make me something for \$75. Think of
the advertising it will mean."

"I foolishly yielded."

"Did Mrs. Vincent St. John thereupon
go to her friends and say, 'You must
patronize that wonderful little Miss
Fletcher; pay her anything she asks'?"
Not at all. She said to everybody she
knew: "Miss Fletcher will give you a
better gown than Ditmars—and don't
you dare pay more than \$75 for a frock
or a suit.""As a result I was stampeded by the
smart set. I even neglected my old cus-
tomers for the honeyed privilege of turn-
ing out \$75 gowns which it cost me a
hundred to make. Worst of all, they re-
fused to pay their bills in any reasonable
time."

GRANITEVILLE.

Meeting of branch No. 12, Q. W. I. U.
of N. A., will be held in Miles' hall
Wednesday evening, Dec. 12, at 7 o'clock.
Nomination of officers and other impor-
tant business. A good attendance is de-
sired. P. J. Finnigan, secretary.CAMPAIGN ORGANIZED
FOR RED CROSS DRIVES. Hollister Jackson of Barre County
Chairman and Leaders Have Been
Named in the Other Places.The recent effective work of the Amer-
ican Red Cross society in Italy, following
the sudden attack upon Italy by the
Austro-German armies, and the more re-
cent aid rendered by this society to Hal-
ifax, calls very vividly to the attention
of the American people the fact that the
organization, though national in its in-
ception, is international in practice.Commencing on Dec. 17 and continuing
to Dec. 24, the American Red Cross is to
conduct an energetic campaign through-
out the length and breadth of the United
States for the enrollment of every pos-
sible member, young or old. The national
war council has delegated this work to
Theodore S. Vail of said council, and
like everything Mr. Vail undertakes, the
work will be thorough. It is expected
that a great new enrollment will be
made during this Christmas membership
campaign week and that the American
Red Cross will start the new year with
practically every home represented in its
membership and, in most cases, most of
the members of the home also enrolled.The country has been sub-divided into
14 divisions, of which Maine, New Hamp-
shire, Vermont, Massachusetts and
Rhode Island form the New England di-
vision, with its headquarters at Boston.
In turn, New England's division is di-
vided into the states comprising it and a
director appointed to take charge of each
state. Vermont is in charge of Judge
Charles H. Darling of Burlington. He, in
turn, has appointed a representative in
each of the counties of the state. And, in
turn, the county committee, after con-
fering with the local Red Cross work-
ers, have appointed a captain or man-
ager in each town and city of the county
to work in co-operation with the local
Red Cross society wherever there is al-
ready one.Washington county has already organ-
ized with the appointment of S. Hollister
Jackson, esq., of Barre, as county chair-
man and the following captains in the
towns and cities of the county, Berlin
being divided into two sections on ac-
count of its geographical condition:Barre City—V. E. Ayers.
Barre Town—Alex. MacVicar.
Berlin Center—Frank Blomfield.
Berlin West—J. H. Buck.
Cabot—M. W. Hale.
Calais—Guy Bancroft.
Duxbury—Charles Adams, esq.
East Montpelier—Lewis Sibley.
Fayston—George Grandfield.
Marshall—W. R. Hudson.
Middlesex—Hiram Constock.
Montpelier—E. A. Harris.
Moretown—J. W. Bates.
Northfield—J. B. Sargent.
Plainfield—C. B. Story.
Roxbury—Jessie Stanton.
Waitsfield—W. E. Jones.
Waterbury—Charles B. Adams.
Woodbury—C. H. Dana.
Worcester—E. C. Clark.These captains, in conjunction with the
local Red Cross officers and workers, are
organizing their forces during this week,
preparatory to a canvass and drive dur-
ing the week of Dec. 17 to 24.V. E. Ayers has had conferences and
made arrangements with employers and
employees in Barre and expects, during
campaign week, to enroll all of them in
the American Red Cross.There is no more worthy nor more hu-
mane war organization in the United
States than the American Red Cross.
You cannot make a more acceptable and
more effective present to the members of
your family than a one dollar member-
ship certificate in the American Red
Cross.Vermont is expected to add 36,000 new
members during this campaign and
Washington county 3,988.The membership fee in the American
Red Cross is \$1 and about 90 per cent.
of the present total membership in this class.
There are also memberships at \$2, \$5, \$10,
\$50 and \$100. The payment of \$2, \$5,
\$50 and \$100, to the member the Red Cross magazine.

BANNER RECRUITING DAY.

Fourteen Young Men Accepted for Navy
By Burlington Office.Burlington, Dec. 11.—Fourteen young
men enlisted in the United States navy
at the local recruiting station yesterday,
making the station's biggest day since
the opening of the war. A total of 41
applicants put in an appearance during
the day and 31 were examined. Those
who were accepted were as follows:Carl E. Larsen of Rutland, Harry I.
Bosworth of Peru, N. Y., Carroll E. Mills
of Florence, Vt., Wilbur L. Denton of
Lisleton, (all apprenticed seamen);
Louis S. Greger of Berlin, Wis., Ira D.
Sollace of Bridport (fireman third class);
Charles W. Gardner of Malone, Lester
A. Gottle of Scranton, Pa., landmen,
electrician; Clayton C. Knapp of Bran-
don, John H. Dyer of Salisbury, (ma-
chineist mate, second class); Leslie E.
Eno of East Middlebury, (ship's cook,
third class); Charles S. Lascor of Barre,
(landman quartermaster, aviation);
Pearl W. Evans of Waterbury, Frank
L. Spearman of Plattsburg, (landmen,
machinist mate, aviation).

GETS INJUNCTION.

Restraining Slate Company from Dispos-
ing of Promissory Notes.Rutland, Dec. 11.—Judge Stanley C.
Wilson has granted an injunction to the
General Slate company of Boston, for-
merly the Mason Lustré Slate company
of Fair Haven on negotiating notes to
the value of \$16,100 given in payment
for eight acres of land at Fair Haven
and certain stock in the Sherman con-
cern, the purchase price being \$31,100.
Charles N. Fay, president of the Boston
company, asserts that D. C. Sherman of
Poultney, owner of the Sherman com-
pany, told him that the Sherman com-
pany had no liabilities beyond a certain
sum, not mentioning a note for \$2,200
to the Poultney National bank, which
the General company had had to pay.
Mr. Sherman is also alleged to have
stated that his concern owned 1,700 feet
of ground continuously along a certain
slate vein, whereas another party owns
a strip 300 feet wide intersecting this.

TO REVISE STEEL PRICES.

Manufacturers Confer with War Indus-
tries Board.Washington, Dec. 11.—Revision of steel
prices was taken up yesterday by man-
ufacturers conferring with the war in-
dustries board. Prices were agreed upon
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Why Complain at "Calls"?

People who complain that calls for
money for Red Cross, Y. M. C. A. and
other relief work are "coming pretty
strong" ought to remember that our
American army has not yet begun to
fight. America is still only on the verge
of war, although our declaration was
made 112 days ago. Less than a third
of the armies which we shall be called
upon to send across have been raised.
Our casualties would not even be men-
tioned in a French or British report.
England is losing weekly more than 20,
000 men, killed, wounded and missing.
Over 17,000 Englishmen were killed out-
right during November. When we begin
to get long casualty lists containing the
names of those near and dear to us we
shall begin to feel something of the hide-
ousness of this war which has been the
burden of our allies more than three
years. When such conditions come—as
they seem inevitable—Americans here at
home will be willing to sacrifice without
a murmur.—Brattleboro Reformer.13 NEGROES
WERE HANGEDFor Complicity in a Riot at
Houston, Texas, in
AugustIN WHICH SEVERAL
WERE KILLEDMilitary Execution of Guil-
ty Soldiers at Fort Sam
Houston To-daySan Antonio, Tex., Dec. 11.—Thirteen
negroes were hanged at Fort Sam Hous-
ton to-day for complicity in the riot at
Houston on Aug. 23.Sixteen white persons and one negro
were killed in the riot of that date by
members of the 24th United States in-
fantry, colored. The trouble is alleged
to have been started over the arrest of
a colored woman, when the soldiers be-
gan shooting up the town.Of the 63 men tried by the same court
martial 41 were sentenced to life im-
prisonment, one was sentenced to hard
labor for two and a half years and three
for two years. Five were acquitted.GIVEN SEVEN YEARS
FOR SHOOTING WOMANFloyd Denton, Stowe Farm Hand, Plead-
ed Guilty to Wounding Mrs. Frank
Wright—He Recovered from
Two Bullet Wounds.Stowe, Dec. 11.—Floyd Denton pleaded
guilty in Lamoille county court yester-
day to the charge of assault with intent
to kill while armed with a dangerous
weapon and was sentenced to not less
than seven nor more than 15 years at
hard labor in the state's prison at Win-
sor.The young farm hand on Oct. 27 attack-
ed Mrs. Frank Wright of this place, the
wife of his employer, after Mr. Wright
had gone to northern New York. Mrs.
Wright escaped after a hard fight and
managed to summon help by phone. She
was shot in the back, however, and but
for the fact that the revolver Dent